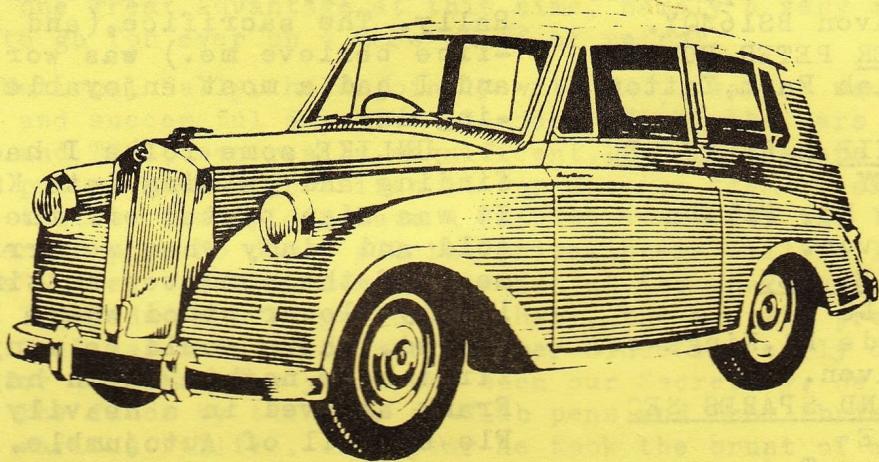


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OBITUARY

ALBERT REEVES

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Albert Reeves of Nuneaton, Warks who died on 23rd of July. Mrs. Iris Reeves would like to thank the club - especially Terry Mills for his help with spares etc. The club sends Mrs. Reeves its sincerest condolences.

Unqualified success

EVERY year I look forward to my fortnights surfing holiday in South Wales, until, after two weeks of preparing, when the final whistle blows, I'm off like a shot down the M4. This year I had to wait two whole days, but I really could not miss my first National Mayflower Rally. The sacrifice, (and it was a sacrifice believe me.) was worth it. My wife and I had a most enjoyable and entertaining day.

UNLIKE some folks I had no difficulty finding and getting into Knebworth Park. It was sign posted off the A1(M). It was cold and windy when we arrived to find most of the committee setting up shop. One lonely Flower stood where later, we all prayed, there would be many. For the first hour nothing much happened, except Frank arrived in a heavily laden Flower full of Autojumble. I wouldn't have had the nerve to load that lot into my Flower and travel from Wantage with it, but it only cost Frank a bent tail pipe.

GRADUALLY people and Flowers started to arrive and then the clouds broke and the sun started shining. (I believe that was the first day of this good spell we've just had.) My wife bought me a fine club T shirt and Frank took some of my money for things I didn't but might need. I was roped in to do some marshall-ing on the Auto-test. The only person to get full points on my section (Parking) was, would you believe, a woman. One entrant in a Renown who was obviously finding it thirsty work??, left my section with thinking, "He'll be lucky to get round the course without scratching his paintwork!!!" Imagine my surprise when the winner of the Renons' Auto-test stepped up to receive his cup and it was him.

The day passed too quickly for me, and although I had met lots of nice folks I would've liked to have talked to many more. Yes altogether it had been well worth the sacrifice.

PLEASE don't forget the A.G.M. on the 25th Oct. Make the effort to come and meet us all and put forward your views.

DEADLINE for material for the F.P. is November 25th.

Ed.

Chairman's Letter

Pinnocks
New Road,
Tadley,
Basingstoke
Hants.

Dear Friends,

Well, as those of you who were at the National Rally will realize, I did not finish my Austin Healey Sprite I in time but at least I have it on the road now. Interesting little car, one does not so much get into it as put it on like a galosh. It is not exactly possessing of a sparkling performance either, but then it has only a 948 cc early type Morris Minor engine but with two SU carbs. Still it does have one great advantage at this time, namely a very modest thirst. It seems to go for ever on a mere whiff of petrol.

The National Rally, held jointly with TROC, was as usual a most enjoyable and successful day. The standard of all the cars present, both ours and TROC, was really magnificent. Our thanks are due to all those who put so much effort into it for us. One item which should be noted was that we really did have a driving event for the ladies, for the Wheeler Trophy. No doubt all the prizewinners will be listed further on in this issue, but I must make mention of the Chairmans Cup, which this year I decided should go to Phil Hall, the man who presented it to the Club. Phil has been a stalwart member since the early days of the Club and for the last few years has been our Secretary. He has raised money for the funds by the sale of Club pens and from 'bring and buy' stalls at various rallies. This year he took the brunt of manning the stand taken at the show at Bristol (see last issue FP) after doing the lion's share of organising our display. As you know Phil has been advised to take things easier and as a result is giving up the job of Hon. Gen. Sec. at this year's AGM. We thank you Phil, for all you have done for us, and trust that you will continue to enjoy belonging to the Club and coming along whenever you can.

The 1981 AGM will soon be upon us and the notice calling it appears later in this issue. Once again I have given much thought to whether I should stand again for the job of Chairman. This time I have decided not to stand. I have enjoyed my stint as Chairman and would like to think that in this time we have made some progress in such things as the management of the Club's affairs, efficient use of funds and giving the members what they want in reasonable balance. My view now is that in future years we need a Chairman who can be much more active in the field, representing the Club at many functions and preferably someone who actually owns a Mayflower. I do not own a 'Flower (although I am a rabid Triumphophile) and just do not have the time to give to the Club to do the job as I firmly believe it should now be done.

Not only have you to elect a new Chairman and Secretary at the AGM, but also a New Spares Sec, because I have just heard that pressure of work is forcing Terry Mills to give up that post. All these jobs are key posts and unless some keen members with a bit of spare time come forward, disaster looms! So come on you Mayflower tyros, stand up and be counted! This time I do not think we can get away with just another rearrangement of the old faces, we need new blood. Its up to you.

Yours sincerely,

Roy E. Bussell

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1981

An important announcement

The Annual General Meeting of the Triumph Mayflower Club will take place at The Two Boats Inn, Long Itchington on Sunday 25th October 1981 starting at 2.15 pm. Long Itchington is on the A 423 about 10 miles southwest of Coventry and some 20 miles north of Banbury. The Two Boats is on the main road and has a large car park. Cooked pub lunches are available. Tea will be served after the formal business has been concluded (a nominal charge of 50p per head will be collected to offset some of the cost).

It is usual to consider only formal business previously notified to the membership at an AGM but as has become standard practice at TMC AGMs Chairman will be prepared to permit discussion on other items. However if such matters are contentious or have far-reaching implications, Chairman may not go so far as to put them to a vote, rather considering the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting or a Postal Ballot of the membership.

The AGENDA for the formal business is as follows:-

- I. Apologies for absence.
 2. Minutes of 1980 AGM. (See Flower Power)
 3. Matters arising from the minutes of the 1980 AGM.
 4. Brief Reports
 - a/ General Secretary
 - b/ Membership Secretary
 - c/ Treasurer
 - d/ New Spares Secretary
 - e/ Secondhand Spares Secretary
 - f/ Rally Secretary
 - g/ Magazine Editor
 - h/ Chairman
 5. To fix the subscription rate or rates for 1982/3.
 6. Election of Officers and Committee members for 1982.
- At this point the new Chairman will take over and move on to:-
7. To discuss the future of the Club.
 8. Any other business. (See note above regarding status of any discussion under this item.)

NOTES

Nominations are sought for all Committee elective posts, ie Chairman, V.Chⁿ Secretary, Treasurer, Rally Sec, New-Spares Sec, Ordinary Members 1 and 2. The posts of Editor, Archivist, 2nd.hand Spares Sec and Membership Sec are Committee appointments and are filled, except that it is considered desirable to re-attach the duties of the last one to Secretary. Vice Chairman Frank Lane and Ord.Mem. Malcolm Bath offer themselves for re-election, the Committee nominates Derek Goodyear for Rally Sec, Reg Varney for New-Spares Sec and Roy Bussell for Ord Mem No.2. **THUS WE HAVE NO NOMINATIONS AS YET FOR CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREASURER, ALL VITAL IF THE CLUB IS TO CONTINUE.**

Anyone interested in these jobs, dont be bashful, STAND UP AND BE COUNTED. All you need is dedication and 8 spare days per week! (No, it isn't really as bad as that, honestly).

NB Item 5...the Committee recommend that the rate for all classes of membership become £6 p.a. for UK members & £7 p.a. for overseas mems. (plus the £10 levy for new members as before).

THE SMASH HIT OF THE SEASON!

NATIONAL JOINT RALLY WITH T.R.O.C. KNEBWORTH HOUSE JULY 19TH

FOR those of our members who couldn't make the Rally, I know I speak for all who did, when I tell you, a smashing time was had by all. Thirteen Mayflowers, twelve Renowns (or 1800s), three Roadsters, and a handful of friends from the Standard Car Club all turned out to make it a memorable day. Here I really must thank Derek Goodyear and his merry band for arranging the autotests again. He arrived Saturday afternoon, put all the posts up, complete with ropes, only to be told, when it was finished, that he couldn't leave the ropes up overnight because a herd of deer had the freedom of the park and might injure themselves. So down came the ropes. That's Life Derek!!! Once again Derek, Ted, Phil, and the young boy, Thanks from everyone, for a fine effort.

ALTHOUGH entries were slightly down on previous years, the organisers were more than pleased with the turnout, especially as the price of petrol has nearly doubled since last year.

RESULTS

CONCOURS 1st Stuart Langton Burton-on-Trent.
 2nd Frank Lane Wantage.

Highly Recommended was L. Ireland Guildford for a very well presented 1949 Model. (The oldest in the Club.)

AUTOTEST 1st John Smethurst Blackburn.
 2nd Reg Varney Bristol.

WHEELER TROPHY (For Ladies.) Mrs. J. Ridgeway Taunton.

DISTANCE Jens Giffhorn West Germany. 456 Miles.

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD Phil Hall.

DINKY CONCOURS Phil Hall.

VISITORS

CONCOURS 1st Mr. Hutchinson 1800 Roadster.
 2nd Mr. Russel Standard 8.

AUTOTEST 1st Mr. Yates Standard Car Club.

THE Awards were presented by Joyce Varney (Better-half of the Rally & Membership Sec.)

YOUR committee has suggested that next year's rally should be a combined effort again, to be held about the same time in July at a venue near Stratford-on-Avon, both will be confirmed in the Xmas Flower Power.

IF any of you have never ridden in a Mayflower with no windows or seats, (Except for the driver's,) you havn't lived. To be driven along the roads of Knebworth sitting on the steel floor of a partly restored flower is a never to be forgotten experience. If like me you havn't much padding on your "rear-end", it is quite uncomfortable, but good fun. I had the feeling I was in a "rag top", with the wind blowing through my hair, and we reached the mind boggling speed of 29mph. What some people do for a laugh??? Thanks for the experience Ron, you've got a smasher there. It should be finished for next year, so all you concours fiends Watch Out !!!

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone of both Clubs who came along to Knebworth and helped to make the Rally such a success.

Reg.

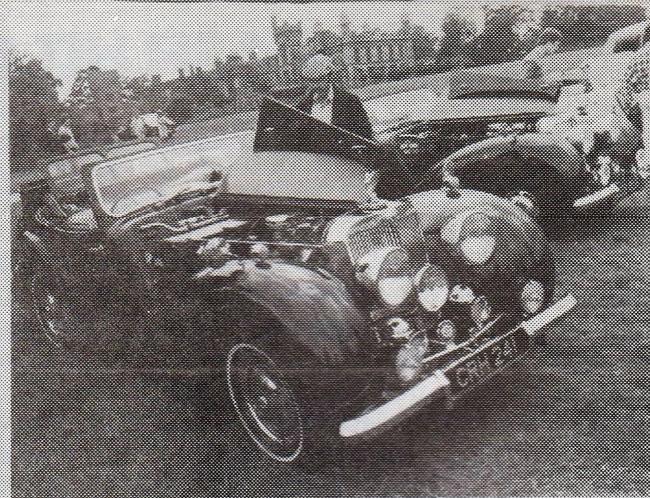
(If any members went to rallies during the summer, please write to the editor and let him know how you got on (or off), He is only too pleased to make space available in the next F.P.)

There are still a few brass Rally Plaques left at £1.50 p&p so get in contact with Malcom Bath and he'll send you one return of post.

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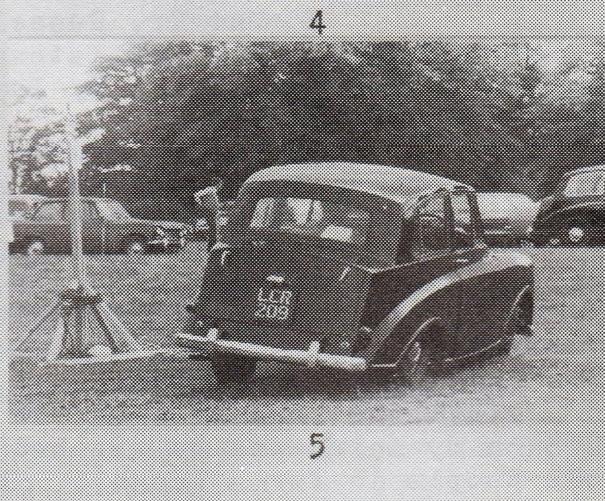
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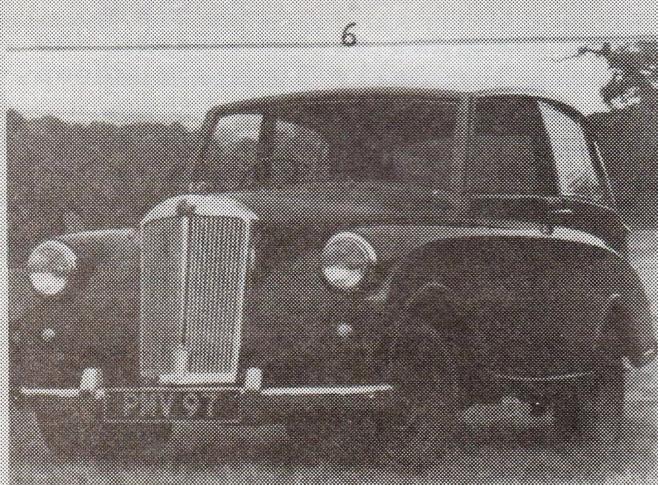
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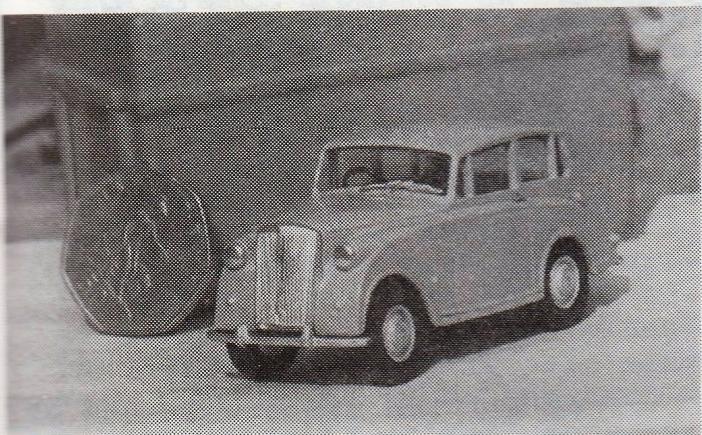
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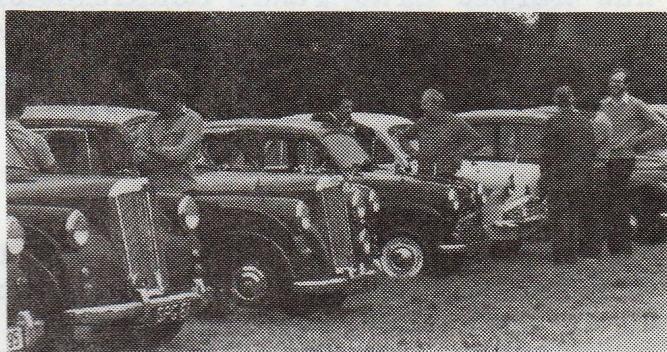
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I. The Committee gathers. 2. A gaggle of guest Roadsters. 3. What its all about...a bunch of 'Flowers' 4. TROC Renown and earlier saloon. 5. Flower working hard...in the Auto-test. 6. Jens Giffhorn's German Flower. 7. Progress? Ron Hagger's Flower, (See F.P.I year ago.) 8. And how it arrived. 9. Rally Control, Phil in command. 10. Con-cen-tra-tion...Reg in a driving test. 11. Phil Hall's concours winning model. 12. Flowers and friends. 13. Reg and Malcom sort out who gets what. 14. Just joined the club and a winner. Well done, Stuart.

SPARES

UNDOUBT'EDLY the most difficult, nigh impossible, spares to obtain to maintain our Flowers are the various window and other rubbers. Members will have noted five types are now available, including the complex front screen rubber. These all had to be purpose made for the Club Club, and when the one notes the cross section of the screen rubber it does not need much imagination to realise they are not easy or cheap to manufacture.

THEY did not arrive at the Club stores by act of God but by the very generous action of three of our members who put up a large amount of cash to enable the moulds to specially made to produce them. The Club therefore owes Peter Burdge, Ron Hagger, and Brian Taylor a very great vote of thanks.

I would also like to thank the following, as second hand spares Sec, for free gifts of Mayflower bits, and items of autojumble which has helped Club funds considerably: Roy and Robin Bussel, Alan Fenton, for spares, Rod Harris for W/S manuals, and Bert Lacey for spares and other valuable items and two anonymous donors.

Frank.

WANTED FREE!!

ANY racking or shelving etc for the Club secondhand store to enable me to sort out your requirements more easily. Would collect within reasonable distance of Wantage.

Frank.

FOR SALE

A tailored set of seat covers for a Flower, 6 pieces in red linen in v.g.c. A bargain at £10 plus p&p. F.Lane Tel.Wantage 67234.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW BRIGHTON

Metropole Hotel Oct 31st Nov 1st
THE Club will be represented at this event with a stand which will include a Flower, a Renown, and a Roadster. Anyone who wants to come along for a chat or to do a couple of hours stint on the stand will be most welcome.

Further details from M.Bath

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

M.Bath, 226, Old Church Rd,
Chingford, London, E4. Tel. 01-597
- 486 Work 01-529-1495 Home.

MEMBERSHIP

If all the members we had in the Club this time last year had paid their subs, we would now have 163 members in the Club, - but they have'nt, and we only have 107 fully paid up members. Yes your right! this is a roundabout way of asking those of you who have -'nt, your subs for 81/82,

Please do so, we need your money to buy more spares, - Terry is doing such a good job selling them but is finding it difficult to keep up with inflation.

Thank you in anticipation for taking the hint. If the cap fits...!!!

Reg.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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Dear Mr. Varney,

Please accept my apologies for the delay with the membership fee due 1st April. The reason for the delay is not that I am contemplating leaving the Club, but "lack of time" or in other words, pure laziness. I'm sorry. With all the prices going up I'm happy not having seen any notice about an increase of the membership fee.

As regards the F.P. I am pleased that the editorial problems have been solved and I do appreciate the magazine even if I miss a few things like hints and advice as to restoration problems with pictures, pictorial coverage of the Club rallies, presentation of club members with interesting cars (also others than Flowers). I have myself promised an "article" about the production of Flowers in Sweden but so far I have too little facts to be able to make a story of it, but you just wait...

Now to my plans for next summer (Yes next!). I and my family (Wife and two boys.) plan a trip to England next year and I would like to attend a British rally or club meeting (With lots of Triumphs.) a swap market (Autojumble? Ed) and also visit someone owning and caring about a Mayflower in good condition. Do you already now know the approximate date for a suitable rally I would very much like to know because that would make my planning easier. I see that this year July 19th seems to be the best Mayflower rally, right? Here in Sweden most rallies are held on the same weekend from year to year, is that true with British rallies too? Unfortunately my Mayflower will not be finished in time for the trip next year.

Please remember that any Mayflower friend visiting Sweden is welcome to my home, you may give out the address if you like.
Urban Nyblom,
Tyras, Väg 29,
611.50. Nyköping
Sweden.

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A STORY OF A W/S MANUAL

WAITING in Wantage market place car park in my Flower about a fortnight ago, an unknown gentleman approached me with a familiar black book in his hand, in fact a W/S manual, which he handed to me with the remark, "I've been carrying this round in the car waiting to see you, I used to have a Mayflower and kept the manual."

He would accept no money for it but just said, "I thought you would like it." What a good member he would have made.

Frank.

THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE

The Rally was a very enjoyable day and well worth the long journey to meet so many people with a common interest. If you see any of the other committee members please thank them for such an enjoyable day. It made me feel proud to be an owner of a Mayflower and more especially a member of such a good Club.

Thanks to the Club I shall be able to restore my car to the condition it really deserves. Anyway seeing all those cars yesterday made me more determined to get my car on the road. I hope to see you at the A.G.M. later this year as I think it will be worth attending.

Mark Elliott 349.
(Thanks passed on Mark, now your a Proud Lonely Florist.)



ODE TO A FLOWER

Dear Ed

I dont know how desperate the Club magazine is for material, but I enclose an "ode" which if you print proves conclusively that you must be desperate!! It does capture a sentiment or two which are quite dear to my heart however.

I am anxious to trace any particulars of the convertible Mayflower (photo's & specification's etc.) If any of the Club members have any knowledge I would be grateful if they would get in touch with me.

What has happened to the "Hue and cry" from the club over B.L.s decision to use the "Triumph" marque on the Japanese ----!! they propose to assemble in this country?

I have incidentally commenced rebuilding another Flower and will keep a p photographic record for the magazine.

Thanks for the work of the "few" in maintaining the Club and your work over the F.P.

G.V.Hunt 352

NEW MAGAZINE COMING OUT

Collector's Car magazine is to be re-launched as an independant journal, Collectable Cars. First issue is out in Oct, with the same team of top name writers, including Stirling Moss Lindsay Porter is to continue with his much-appreciated Club News page.

Duckhams are to give Club Editors long overdue recognition - our first issue has details of an Editorial Award Scheme, with lots of classes, to find the best club editors.

So come on you lot out there send me lots of material so that I can start editing.



To

Dedicated florists,
A story all will recognise,
Of one man's new found love affair,
And interest else, demise.
One

Wet and blustery Saturday,
On routine business rounds,
One crumbling country residence,
In big neglected grounds.

A

Lean-to temporary outhouse,
Temporary for too long,
Rusty iron sheeting,
Timbers creaking song.

An

Old car partly buried,
By yesteryears household scrap,
Mechanics strewn across the floor,
In different states of clap.

One

Peer through murky side-screen,
Youth's memories ran free,
Of weekend trips and picnics,
And holidays by the sea.

In

Real cars of spine and hide,
Of character and style,
Whose pedigree and breeding,
Was manifest in every mile.

In

Real cars with coachwork which
Portrayed a marque of pride,
Founded on tradition
Revered on every side.

In

Real cars, sadly now,
A dead or dying breed,
Succumbed by soulless immitations,
For a faceless public's need.

And

To find a real car,
That had escaped the breakers end,
To own it and restore it,
And become nostalgia's friend.

So

With lover's knot tied tightly,
That old cars no longer there,
Her future's lost in misty clouds
Of friendship, love and care.

And

One day all will see her,
As she looked in years gone by,
Taking a schoolboy on a picnic,
In one old man's mind's eye.

(I was more than pleased to include this delightful piece of affection. Thanks Graeme.)

Ed.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

Flowers For Sale

I953, Black Fawn interior, some restoration completed, runner but needs some body welding for MOT. Plus 4 tyres & Wksp Manual. £165.
Mike Moody, Bampton Castle, Nr Witney Oxford, (0993)850605.

I953, Reg.HDP458, Has had 3 owners, Mileage 49,030, Grey and in original condition. Original & duplicate Registration Book & full service history & handbook. No MOT or RFL. Tyres in good condition & new battery View by appointment. £800 ono. J.A.Partlo, 80, Crockhamwell Rd, Woodley, Reading, Berks, RG53LA. Reading 697659 After 7.30 pm.

I952, Reg.NBP84I, Non runner, needs renovating. £200. ono. M.Shatford, I6, Bibury Cres, Boothville, Northampton, NN3 1AG. Tel. 44491. After 5 pm.

I953, In full working order but no MOT, One owner since I960, Stored for the last 6 years, Original Log book, £600 ono. K.Travis. I5, The Copse, Bourne Lane, Woodlands, Soton., Tel.Cadnam, 2771.

One in VGC Flower with 1 yr MOT & Spare axle, windscreen, rad, hubs, & bottom engine For quick sale £475. P.J.O'Connor, 29, Springfield Rd, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex.

I953, Black, Tan int. MOT till Sept & Taxed till Oct 81, Recent engine rebuild, new pistons, bearings, timing chain etc. Resprayed as new, near perfect car, £1,250 ono. Tel 01-946-1343

MISCELLANEOUS SALES

COMPLETELY reconditioned engine plus all ancillaries, bench tested only can be seen running, £275. ono, also reasonable cylinder head, radiator grill shell needs rechrome, Indicator switch & horn assembly. Tel 01-946-1343.

INSTRUCTION MANUAL 1st edition £10 plus £1.35 p&p

1930 THIRTIES Wills Cig Cards,, Wild flowers, Railway engines, Radio celebrities, (2 series,) Safety first, Association footballers I935-36, Reign of King George V, (Silver Jubilee I910-35), Our King & Queen, George & Elizabeth), Godfrey Phillips, (Butterflies), John Players National Flags & Arms). These are all complete albums. £3 per album £25 the lot. P.J.Hall, 75 Morley Rd, Staple Hill, Bristol, BS164QY.

1948 KPH 1800 ESTATE I948, Complete but needs rebuild. Believed unique. Some new parts, £150. M.Bath 01-529-1495 evenings.

Spares NEEDED BADLY

Wheels c/w tyres £15, each, 1 Petrol tank £10, 2 Instrument consoles £10 each, 2 Tyres £5 each, 8 Brakeshoes £6 set, 3 Suspension units £10 ea, 1 rear axle good £25, 2 steering boxes £10 ea, 2 Halfshafts £5 ea, Rear seat (red) £10, 2 Speedos £10 ea, 1 engine block c/w head £75, 1 engine completely reconditioned to concours £250, 1 Gearbox £40, 1 Brand new factory gearbox £150, 1 Steering wheel £5, 2 Steering boxes £10 ea, 2 Halfshafts £10 ea, 6 Hub caps £1 ea, 2 Water pumps £10 ea, 2 Dynamos £5 ea, 1 Starter £5, 1 Black bonnet £20, 1 Spare wheel tray excellent £10 Various, door handles, Visors, & switches, Linkages etc. Also I951 one owner black saloon complete in need of restoration or even spares, 4 new tyres. £150. ono. Will accept £600 the lot. Tel. 061-740-4036 Day. 061-431-8728 Night.

I952/3 For spares/renovation non-runner but complete £99. R.J.Beddoe, Tel. Horley 75027.

I953, Sorry looking but has potential in need of good home. Offers. T. Johnston, Tel. 061-723-2069.

SERVICES OFFERED TO THE CLUB

GUILDFORD AUTO SERVICES LIMITED offer complete engineering facilities and carry stocks of vintage parts i.e. Pistons, gaskets, liners, valves, springs etc. They will be pleased to assist us and pass trade items on the presentation of membership confirmation.

Woodbridge Rd, Guildford, surrey, GUIIDU. Telex 859596.

J.S. EXHAUSTS are manufacturers of mild and stainless steel exhausts Example of price for a stainless system, guaranteed for as long as you own the vehicle, is - £70 plus VAT for one box system, £85 plus VAT for two box system.

Queens Road Mills, Gibbet Str, Halifax, W. Yorks. Tel. 51314.

CLARKSON HEAD HARRIS LIMITED is another firm offering Classic Car Insurance. They will be at the Classic Car Show Brighton or you can send to the following address for their brochure.

Scala House, Holloway Circus, Birmingham, BIIEN. Tel. 021-643 4193.

TRIO TRONICS are offering Club members a special price for their Reversing Alarm, which can be used in conjunction with reversing lights or operated manually. Approved by 'The Institute of Advanced Motorists' and with a two year guarantee the price is reduced from £8.90 to £6.90 inc. VAT.

34a, Queens Square, Haverhill, Suffolk. Tel 0440-4262.

THOROUGHBRED SPARES specialise in 'Tailor made on a production basis' wiring looms. They will give you a price over the telephone and on receipt of your old loom produce a new one within 7 to 10 days exactly to your requirements.

Unit 6, Parkside, Coventry. Tel Coventry 58234 and ask for Rod Perri or Vic Steane.

SOUTHERN CARBURETTERS sent Terry Mills a quote for a solex 30 FAIO for a Mayflower at £45.58 inc p&p & VAT. PHE!!!

Don't miss The AGM



FROM YOUR HON GEN SEC-

-s this will possibly be My last writings to You All as Your General Secretary, may I say a big "THANK YOU" to all of our Members that I have had the Pleasure of meeting at rallies and Events during the past Summer months and especially those that supported our NATIONAL RALLY at Knebworth House in July. I would at this point like to say a Special word to Member 296 JENS GIFFHORN of WEST GERMANY for His presence at the RALLY and taking back to Germany the DISTANCE AWARD. 'Thank You' JENS, it was great ~~to~~ meeting you once again. I am not going to make any comment on the Numbers that supported the National Rally, except to say that so many people put in long hours to prepare and put on a first class do, not counting the inconvenience of carrying to the Site and removing and taking away the same huge quantity of equipment that is needed to enable all the Driving Tests and Motorised Games to take place. For those that came, I feel ~~you~~ having enjoyed a day of immense pleasure, for those that could have come but did not, missed a wonderful day in glorious surroundings.

The next Item concerns You, Dear Fellow Member, and Your Club Officers. Many of You
are writing with Queries, Etc. needing a reply from the Officer or Department to which
you address Your letter. Can I UNDERLINE, Please, PLEASE enclose a STAMP with each
letter to which a reply is needed.

There is only one more thing that I wish to say, Shall I meet You at the ANNUAL
FISHING MEETING on the 25th. OCTOBER at the "TWO BOATS INN, LONG ITCHINGTON. NEAR RUGBY,
WARWICKSHIRE. Time of Meeting 2 - 30 P. M.. Come earlier if You can and enjoy a 'Noggin'
before the meeting Starts.

Finally, I have derived much Pleasure in serving You for the past few Years and now because of indifferent Health problems, I have to put My feet up and give it all a rest, so, whatever becomes Your New HON. GEN. SEC. Please give Him/Her all the co-operation that I can, because I can assure You He/She will need it.

BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL.

John Gil.

(Sorry Phil for putting you on the back page but your letter got lost in the paperwork. Ed.)

